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SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION--JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. FOLLOWING IS JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JUNE 18 AT CON-
CLUSION OF FIRST SESSION OF SUBJECT MEETING. MEMORANDUM OF
IMPLEMENTATION AND REGULATIONS SIGNED JUNE 18 BY HUD SECRE-
TARY HILLS AND GOSSTROY CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV BEING AIR POUCHED.
SOVIET GROUP NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR MOSCOW WEDNESDAY
EVENING, JUNE 25, FROM NEW YORK ON AEROFLOT 318.

"JOINT COMMUNIQUE

FIRST MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPER-
ATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION,
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CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED JUNE 28,
1974, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USA AND THE USSR, WAS
HELD IN WASHINGTON FROM 16-18 JUNE, 1975.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY CARLA A. HILLS, SECRETARY OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY IGNATY T. NOVIKOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS OF THE USSR.

THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE IN A FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE AND WAS DIRECTED, AS NOTED IN THE AGREEMENT, TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION "ON THE INVESTIGATION AND SOLUTION OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, EQUALITY, AND RECIPROCITY."

THE JOINT COMMITTEE NOTED THAT MUCH EFFECTIVE WORK HAD BEEN DONE BY EACH SIDE TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING IN IMPLEMENTING THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE EXPANSION AND DEEPENING OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. AFTER ADOPTING THE PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS FOR ITS OPERATION, THE JOINT COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED SIX TOPICS FOR COOPERATION, REFLECTING THE AREAS NAMED IN THE AGREEMENT: BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT; INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING SYSTEMS AND UTILITIES; BUILDING MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS; CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS; BUILDING FOR EXTREME CLIMATES OR UNUSUAL GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS; AND NEW TOWNS. A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED FOR EACH OF THESE TOPICS.

IT WAS AGREED THAT WORK WILL BEGIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS. IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES IN EARTHQUAKE PRONE AREAS AND, IN PARTI-

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CULAR, TO STUDY THE BEHAVIOR OF PRE-FABRICATED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES DURING EARTHQUAKES.

THE TWO SIDES AFFIRMED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION, AND THAT IT WOULD PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT A MORE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF NEW AND TRADITIONAL BUILDING MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MORE RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO BOTH COUNTRIES. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MUTUAL EFFORTS AGREED UPON AT THIS MEETING WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS TO THE US AND THE

USSR.

IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AIMS OF THE AGREEMENT, "THE PARTIES WILL, AS APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE, FACILITATE AND MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES."

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WOULD BE HELD IN MOSCOW IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1976. DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE SESSIONS, THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE IN CONTINUAL COMMUNICATION SO AS TO INSURE THE PROGRESS AND SUCCESS OF THE JOINT PROGRAM.

LISTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS ARE ATTACHED.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUNE 18, 1975."

2. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF US PARTICIPANTS:

"U.S. PARTICIPANTS

U.S.-U.S.S.R. JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

CARLA A. HILLS	SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF
U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN OF	HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-
THE JOINT COMMITTEE	MENT (HUD)

DAVID M. DEWILDE	ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MEMBER OF THE JOINT	FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION AND
COMMITTEE	MORTGAGE CREDIT AND ACTING
	COMMISSIONER OF THE FEDERAL
	HOUSING ADMINISTRATION(HUD)

OTTO STOLZ	ADMINISTRATOR, NEW COMMUNI-
MEMBER OF THE JOINT	TIES ADMINISTRATION (HUD)
COMMITTEE	

WALTER A. MEISEN	ACTING COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC
MEMBER OF THE JOINT	BUILDINGS SERVICE, GENERAL
COMMITTEE	SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

CLAUDE E. BARFIELD	DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION (HUD)

CHARLES C. THIEL PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR EARTH-
MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE QUAKE ENGINEERING, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

DEAN R. FREITAG TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, COLD
ACTING MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY, U.S.
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE LIAISON (HUD)."

3. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF USSR PARTICIPANTS:

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U.S.-U.S.S.R. JOINT COMMITTEE
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16-18 JUNE 1975
WASHINGTON, D.C.

IGNATY TROFIMOVICH NOVIKOV DEPUTY MINISTER, U.S.S.R
U.S.S.R. CO-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; CHAIR-
THE JOINT COMMITTEE MAN, USSR STATE COMMITTEE
FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS
(GOSSTROY, USSR)

GENNADY NILOVICH FOMIN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, GOSSTROY,
U.S.S.R. DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMAN USSR CHAIRMAN, STATE COM-
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MITTEE FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE OF
GOSSTROY, USSR (GOSGRAZH-
DANSTROY)

STANISLAV LEONTOVICH DVORNIKOV DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF GOSS-
MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TROY, USSR

LEONID DMITRIEVICH SOLODENNIKOV DEPUTY MINISTER OF AS-
MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE SEMBLY AND SPECIAL BUILD-
ING WORKS OF THE USSR

ROMAN TIMOFEEVICH KRIVOBORODOV DEPUTY MINISTER, BUILDING
MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MATERIALS OF THE USSR

SERGEI IVANOVICH KALASHNIKOV ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

GEORGY DMITRIEVICH TROITSKY CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS
USSR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DEPARTMENT, GOSSTROY
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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ALEXANDER ALEXEEVICH SIPKO SENIOR CONSULTANT, FOREIGN
MEMBER, USSR EXECUTIVE RELATIONS DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT OF THE JOINT GOSSTROY
COMMITTEE

YURI SERGEEVICH VOLKOV DEPARTMENT CHIEF, SCIENTI-
FIC-RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR
REINFORCED CONCRETE;
INTERPRETER

VENIAMIN VENIAMINEVICH KRUGLOV GROUP LEADER IN INSTITUTE
FOR PLANNING OF CHEMICAL
ENTERPRISES; INTERPRETER

YURI NIKOLAEVICH GUBKIN SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR,
USSR EMBASSY

VLADIMIR KONSTANTINOVICH SMIRNOV ATTACHE, USSR EMBASSY."

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